PUBLIC MEETINGS.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Board Pid as last meeting for the year on startley. McMessabes in the chair.

A communication the Mayor, visiong the resolution provide for the issue of additional Central Park later provide for the issue of additional Central Park later provide for the issue of additional Central Park later provide for the infrest upon which was not to exceed the other region, was faid over and ordered to be

The Committee on Finance reported a resolution donsing \$4 to be House for Young Deaf Mutes at No.
161 East Twelsh efreet. Adopted.
The Board redved to adhere to its former action,

declaring the treps of the Hudson River Radrond, between West and street and Hoboken street, to be vernig that at the expiration of the to draw his warrant in favor of Alexander Ming for

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Mr. Stand reved to lay on the table. Lost, and the original militim was adopted.

The Board separation was adopted.

The Board separation appropriating \$180 to the foregame? Ragine Company No. 11 as payment for certain repairs upon the house of Company No. 11, notwiths and in the voto of the Mayor.

The Board contained with the Communities on firming the contain of John F. Gray for working a country road through Eleventh avenue, from near One-hundred-and-seemth street to the center of One-hundred-and-seemth street, at the sum of \$15,255, the accordance of that sum meititied.

declare-forty-curth street, at the sum of \$10,280, the appropriate of that sum included.

Mr. Brant n vessions the thanks of the Board be tendered to Thomas Mespedon, each, for the very able, dysfined, courtens, and important manner in which he had discharged be duties as President of the Board.

The resolution was adopted unaumously.

Mr. McStand responded in a near speech, regret-

Mr. McSperod responded in a neat speech, regretting that he was so seem to separate from his colleagues, but declared that he lett greatly relieved in
retining to private his. He congratohated the Board
upon the harmony which had prevailed over their
coursels, and theased his fellow-members for their assistence in emable, him to discharge his daties as their
preseding officer, is a proper manner.

The last message trout the Mayor to the Board was
their recoiled, being a verto of a resolution appropriating \$250 for a here and wagon for the Separate adenof Repairs and Suplus, and and over.

Mr. Brahr moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Valentine,
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Mr. Pack moved a vote of thanks to the Reporters of the various daly papers in regular attendance at the freetings of the board. Adopted. On motion of M. thenar the Board then adjourned

BOARD OF COUNCILMEN. The Board heidis instructing in 1803 on Saturday Observers, Mr. Octures G. Convall, the President,

compied the chair.

The Board commend to appropriate \$1,000 for a portrait of ex-Governor King, \$ 500 for a portrait of Mayor Tienson, and to authorne the Street Commissioner to purchase a copy of finiter's picture of "Franklin before the Lorde infonced," all or which are to be pinced in the Governor from m. in the Governor From.

The Board consurred to pay Alexander Ming \$250 in

full for cerical services to the old Board of Police Com A Committee fam the Board of Alder sen here ap reared, and inquired if there were any further papers which required the action of the Board of Aldermen. The Pressinger stated that a Committee of this

The Fresherr states that a Committee of this Beard would wat upon the other Board.
Committees were toon appointed to wait upon the Mayor and Beard of Aldermen.
Mr. Offsetsosoffered a series of resolutions complimenting Mr. Coxell for his unpartiality as President of the Beard and tendering a vote of thanks.
The resolutions were no almostly adopted, and the President daily endered his acknowledgements in appropriate remark.

prepriate remaks.

Mr. LEST meed a voic of thanks to Mr. Charles F.

McClenechan, he clerk, which was apopted.

Thanks were leadered to other officers connected

The Board sen adjourned sine die. PRESENTATION .- Langestrately after the adjournment Mr. OTTARS N was emiled to the court, and Mr. LAIS-BERR, in behalf of the combons presented Mr. Charles G. Corned (see Escandent of the Board) with a music collect angle of their reservood, sustellished with a nue pointing of the emblems of music, and surmounted

by a bronze statuste of Columbus in chains. Mr. Conxell, in accepting the gift, thanked the members in appropriate remarks.

EXPLOSION ON THE GRANADA. ONE MAN KILLED AND ELEVEN SCALDED. The unincky steamship Granuda, which barely escased being enguiped in the North River one ovening het week, with a brue number of passengers, when eat through by the ice, was the scene of a shocking disaster has Saturday evening. It was with deficulty, after the was car through, that she was brought into shoal water at the bot of Chambers street, in season for the safe removal of her passengers, before she sunk. Spee then, Messes Herbert & Sennet; have been at werk with powerfulsteam onthis, endeavoring to free her of water, m ords to feat her into the Dry Dock. On Friday night the succeeded in getting her affort, and the following day towed her around to her owners pier, at the foos of Wirten street, to discharge cargo. The injuries which sh bad sustained still caused her to lenk so fast that both steam pomps were kept going. About +2 o clock on almosay afternoon, when a num-ber of men were gibbred near the forward steam boilet, shifting wood om one side of the deck to the other, the bailer exloded with a tecrific report, so .ttering denth and oursetton around. This sad event was wholly unlookedfor, and, as might be imagined, created the utmost conternation on board. And well it night, for the ponderns steam boiler was blown high imo the air, and, tearig its way through pilot-house and shrounds, fell all once tilly feet upon the hucricane deck, abreast the subre-pipe. The people in the vicesity of the pump tere thrown inther and thither, some being thrown no the water, and nearly all within range being mainted and marred severely. One poor fellow, Like Flanigan, a longshoreman, who esseed in Item's street, was blown overboard and instantly killed. Ebsen other persons were more or ess maired, and were specifity sens to the City H separat in arranges. Two or have of them are so shockingly a med and otherwise bjured that they cannot recover The space of the needent is variously attributed to a detect's the bottom of the boiler, to too many cugracers, o too little water in the boiler, and to too tauch gings the firemen. It is but just to state that the expedded tiller, which belonged to the Underwriters, had heretchire been considered sound and reliable.

The Conner may be able to ascertain the trucause, and fit the responeitality where it belongs. So far as we could learn, the following is a correct hat of the

MILLED AND INJURED.

LORE FLANIGAN, longstoreman, residing in Reader street, was blows into the water, and killed in-Manily.

Thos. T. BESKING, second mate of the Granada, who is now in the frequent, is fearfully scalded all over his person, and it is supposed that he inhaled some of the burning vapor. He is in great agony, and there are tus slight hopes of his recovery.

JOHN BURES, also in the Hospital, ha longshoreman. He is terribly i jured by s nids and coansions. His face and arms are quite tax; be also received severe concusions and fractured tibs. His condition is extremely critical.

WM. B. SEITH, quartermaster of the steamer, is i the Hospital, terribly braised and scalded. He was so much disfigured that the wife of John Smith, another of the sufferers in the Haspital, supposing him to be her husband, sat by his bed-side for several bonrs, until one of her friends, going to another part of the building, discovered her husband, and notifies her of the mistake.

Jons Monanan, 'longshoreman, also in the Hospital, is not very much burt, although scalded about the limbs. His wife was soon in attendance upon him. When the explosion occurred, while stunned from the ectionssion and smarting from the pain, he became crary, and would have leaped overboard had not those who rushed to the spot senzed him in the act. He will be well in a couple of weeks.

MICHAEL McGuing, a longshoreman, residing in Greenwich street, was scalded, but he was able

leave the Hospital after his scales were dressed. PETER McCuse was badly scalded about the thighs. After his wounds had been dressed at the Hospital he went to his home in North Moore street.

BARNEY MCCAPPRET of Cherry street, one of the wrockers is the employ of the Board of Underwriters, was scalded somewhat in the neck and legs, but was able conveniently to go to his home. He will be about again in a few days. This man was blown off the vessel, but saved himself from falling into the river by catching hold of one of the stanchions of the hurricare deck

John Shith, one of the Underwriters' wreckers, is in the Hospital, in a very dangerous state. His head is budly cut. He sustained concussion of the brain, and is also very severely scalded. His fate is very doubtful. His residence is at the corner of Pike and Water streets.

FLINU PERRY, one of the engineers of the Buard of Underwriters, was cut in the head, but has sustained po serioes injury.

JUSZPH GREEN, engineer of the steamship, is badly scalded. He was taken to his bome in Williamsburgh, All of these persons are married men, with families of children dependent upon them for support.

The body of FLANIGAS was conveyed to the Thir Precinct Station-House, where Coroner Jackman proceeded yesterday to hold an inquest. An intelligent ory was obtained, and sworn in, after which they viewed the body of Finnigan, the wreck of the steamer, and the exploded boiler, when a further investigation was postponed until Tuesday afternoon. A large number of witnesses will be called to testify, and a thorough investigation made of the cause of the accident.

The injured men at the Hospital are still in a very critical condition, and their recovery is exceedingly doubtful.

THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMISSIONER SMITH. STREET COMMISSIONE'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1859. To the Honorable the Common Council.

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit the followng summary of the general state of the business of the Department for the year 1859. This, together with my Previous quarterly reports, and the accompanying re-Ports of Superintendents of Bareaus, to which you are respectfully referred, will give a full and complete knowledge of the transactions of the Department for he last twelve months.

During the year requisitions have been drawn upon

the Controller to the amount of \$1,520,910 89, of which 1 24,815 62 were for objects and purposes provided for by tax, and \$291,025 87 were on trust account.

for by tax, and \$250,050 b) were on trust account.
The City Treasury will be reintoursed for the latter by
assersment upon the property benefited.
The requisitions for the quarter ending this day
amount in the aggregate to \$500,001. It has
heretofore been sated that the whole system of accounts, vouchers, payments and business ran-of this Department are based upon that of the of construction under the Treasury Department of the United States. I have now to say that during the year and a half this system has been adopted nothing has occurred to lessen my confidence in its merits. Not only is the system in itself correct and well soft only is the system and important business of this Department, but it has been carried out in most cases by the efficers or der me with real, intelligence and most enter the contract of dition as it can well be, while laboring under the legal infliculties heretofore noted, but not yet corrected; nothing less than their removal can insure its working with perfect satisfaction, while it is admitted that no system of papers and accounts will prevent fraud. The system adopted will preserve in different offices such complete record all business that there will be no difficulty in fully understanding all the details of every transaction. The immease to minweit the back accounts of this Department conlabor required to complete the investigations necessary to minavel the basis accounts of this Department connected with transactions previous to May 1898, has materially interfered with the legitimate business initiated since that time. The principal differities of this character pertain to the Bareau of Street Improvements, and to the Bareau of Collection of Assessments, and during the last quarter vouchers have been received from this Bureau to the amount of \$55,00 83, and during the year to the minimum of \$779,005 83. and during the year to the amount of \$272,965 89, of which \$240,681 59 were on trust account, and \$26,321

36 on tax account.

I shall take an early occasion to request your honorable bodies to recommend to the Legislature of the State the passage of an act which will enable this De-partment ty settle and close up certain outstanding ac-counts upon old, informal, and illegal contracts for

counts upon oid, informat, and sliegal contracts for street improvements.

COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS.

The accounts and business of the Burcau of Collection and Assessments were found in a very discreditable condition on the 1st of May, 1858, and it has required great labor, patient investigation, and the good judgment of men who are expert in bookkeeping, to propers an intelligible exhibit of the actual state of many of the assessment rolls found in the office. The business of the Bureau is in a satisfactory condition. The great mass of confused and disordered assessment accounts, inherited from Joseph R. Taylor and his Deputies, have, without an exception, been formally closed, and returned, according to law, to the Bureau of Arrears. Since the 30th of September, there has been collected in this Bureau, and paid to the City Chamberhan, \$209,946. Returned to the Burer Arrears, 23,665 60. Since Jan. 1, there has City Chami 630 75. Returned to the Boreau of Airears, \$167,-522 53. Bahance Jan. 1, 1860, \$688,359 74. And there now remain in the Collector's nand for collection essments amounting to --- dollars.
BUREAU OF WHARVES.

The Superintendent of Wharves, reports in full upon the business of his bureau. He has tendered his resig-nation (which I have accepted, to take effect this day, previous to taking his seat as Senator in the Legislature of this State. The affairs of this bureau are in good of this State. The affairs of this bureau are in good ondition. Mr. Keily has discharged the duties of his dice to my entire entistaction, and the city, by his regnantion, loses the services of a thoroughly competent and efficient officer. No new appropriation was asked for this bureau for the present year, the unexpende balance remaining on hand on the list of January last amounting to \$10,573.07, being in the opinion of the Superintendent sufficient for all necessary purposes Vouchers to the amount of \$2,080.30 have been received from this burean during the last quarter, and for \$148,707 17 during the year; leaving a balance of \$19,045 19, against which no vonchers have been certified; existing contracts will, however, when completed, require for their payment the whole of this

BUREAU OF REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES. The business of this bureau has been very well conducted, and the book accounts, &c., of the office exhibit a clear and explicit view of its transactions. The general appropriation for this bureau, including the unexpended balance of 1808, was \$204,056-19. Vouchers the amount of \$1.51,751-87 drawn against this approto the amount of \$151,751 87 drawn against this appro-priation have been received during the last quarier, and for \$135,341 69 for the year, leaving a balance on

and for \$135,344 69 for the year, leaving a balance on hand of \$68,345 25.

The Deputy Superintendent of Repairs and Supplies is charged with the farnishing of supplies to the various departments, courts, police station houses and other public effices of the city.

The duties of this office are enerous, vexations and difficult to systematize. Much has been done, however, toward regulating this important branch of the public business.

ablic business.
In this Bureau vouchers to the amount of \$49,557 50 in all bave been drawn on during the last quarter, various appropriations, many of them not appertaining exclusively to this Department, and \$142,643 65 during

BUREAU OF LAMPS AND GAS. The Superintendent of Lamps and Gas has managed the business of this Bureau in a very entisfactory man-

The different gas companies are now paid at the The dinerent gas companies are now paid at the stress agreed upon by contracts which expired several years since. The whole subject has been repeatedly brought to the attention of your honorable bodies, and is sain referred to in the very full report of the Sa-terina and the subject has a subject has been repeatedly brought to the subject has been repeated by the subje permendent. I fully concur in all the recommenda-tions contained therein. Vouchers to the amount of \$130,021 96 have been received from this Bureau dur-ing the last quarter, and \$418.873 18 for the year, leaving a balance unexpended of \$77,507 25.

BURKAD OF LANDS AND FLACES.

The Superintendent of Lands and Places has kept the public parks in good condition at a moderate ex-pense, has done much toward the completion of Tomp kins square, and has managed the business of his bureau creditably. There is no regular clerk allowed in this bureau. There have been received from the Saperintendent vonciers amounting to \$8,604.23 during the last quarter, and to \$20,005.90 during the year-leaving a balance mexpended of \$8,604.08. leaving a balance unexpended of \$5,664 08. BUREAU OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DE-

This bureau is under the Street Commissioner so far only as expenditures for repairs and construction of fire apparatus are concerned. There has been some fre apparatus are concerned. There has been some difficulty on account of the appropriation being ex-hausted; but the excess of expenditures incurred has been readand out of the appropriation for contingencies of Department. Total expenditures for the year, Street Department. Total expenditures for the year, \$73,179 b8, of which \$5,101.72 were defrayed from contingencies of Street Department.

The Bureau of Roads was, until the 31st day of Au-net, under the superintendence of Mr. John Neshit, short time previously it was intimated to me that there was an important difference between the amount of meterial of a certain kind actually furnished for road of naterial of a certain kind actually furnished for road covering and the amount charged for in his vonchers; whereupon I immediately declined to draw further requisitions upon the Controller for payment of his certified votchers, and directed an actual examination to be made without delay into the nifairs of his bureau, which are ded in Mr. Nesshi's resignation. Since that time, y my direction, measures have been taken by which I hoped to have arrived at all the facts in the case. The result of these investigations, which were but recently completed, will be found in statements signed by Mr. J. B. Conzens, Acting Superintendent of Bradis during the litness of the Superintendent of Bradis during the litness of the Superintendent of the superintendent. The wholmof the facts in this case, as far as known, are now recurred to the Superintendent of as known, are now returned to the Superin Police, for such action as is deemed proper.

The difficulty with the previous Superintendent of Roads, and his conduct of the business of his bareau, caused me to exercise unusual care in selecting his successor. The present Superintendent is by profession both engineer and lawyer, and has had large ex-perience on roads and canals. He was, at the time of his appointment, a regularly confirmed City Surveyor, and had held the office for more than a year. He was moreover, personally well known to me to be wel unnified in all respects for the position he now holds.

Vouchers to the amount of \$19,375 36 have been drawn on the various appropriations apportaining to the bureau during the last quarter, and to \$71,222.71

Contingencies Street Department of this appropria-tion, \$30,000; there has been expended \$24,331 82 leaving a balance of \$5,683 is with which to hipuidate any bulls not yet presented, and time obviate the ne-cessity of applying for an appropriation of arrearages. The appropriations for stationery and for "fiel, fur-nitare and supplies to corporation offices," have been exhausted for several months, and for these purposes no other appropriation than contingencies Street De-partment was available, with the single exception that the Conproller has authorized this department to draw against his contingent fund for supplies fur-nished to his office. In addition to the above, this ap-propriation has been used to cover a deficiency of over-seven thousand dollars in the Fire Department and n thousand dollars in the Fire Department and seven thousand dollars in the Free Department and roads and avenues appropriations. The aggregate of unexpended balances of appropriations for this depart-ment amounts to \$150.35198; nearly, if not quite, the whole of this amount will be required in payment of existing contracts when completed and bill not yet

During about four months of the year I was absent pering areas four months of the year I was absent sick. The duties of Street Commissioner during this period devolved upon the Dopaty Street Commissioner, and they were performed by him in a perfectly satis-factory manner. My sincere thanks are due to the officers of this department for their very efficient and wilking rid, without which it would have been utterly manes ble for me to have accessed in this most comimpossible for me to have succeeded in this most com-plicated and difficult task. Notwithstanding that many plicated and difficult task. Notwithstanding that many arregularities have almost necessarily occurred in the various branches of this complex and extended business, nothing within my knowledge has been done which did not admit of ready correction, the prevention of a repetition, except in the matter of the Bareau of Roads, to which allusion has already been made.

In the administration of the business of this department since my first connection with it, the following remember have been constantly resisted upon and rigid-

principles have been constantly insisted upon and rigi principles have been constantly insisted upon and rigidly abhered to, viz: That an official written record should be kept of every transaction, so plain asto require no explanation; that such records should at all convenient times be opened to public inspection, and that the books, accounts, correspondence, and papers of every kind pertaining to this department should be known and held as public property, belonging to the office and not to the officer. Respectfully submitted,

O. W. SMITH, Street Commissioner.

FIRES.

FIRE IN TESTH STREET. About 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, a fire broke out in the three-story brick buildings Nos. 148 and 159 Tenth street, occupied on the lower floors by M. G. Line as a hay, feed, and grain store, and the greater part of the second and third floors by A. Yost, carpenter and manufacturer of refrigerators. A German mined Koenig occupied a room on the third floor of No. 150 as a shop for the manufacture of clothing for merchant tailors. The fire originated on the premises of Mr. Yost, but from what cause is not positively of Mr. Yest, but from what cause is not positively known. Mr. Y. thinks it was either caused by sparks from the store, or from a hot soldering-from which was stuck into a cask of nails. Owing to the inflammable mature of the material in the shop, the flames spread rapidly, and very nearly gutted the building before they could be examgnished.

Mr. Yost's stock was nearly destroyed, and he esti-Mr. Yosks stock was nearly destroyed, and he estimates his loss at about \$2,500; insured for \$2,000 in the Pacific Insurance Company. Mr. Lane succeeded in saving nearly all of his stock, and his less will not probably exceed \$50. The journeyment mitors sezzed the garments upon which they were at work, and some other property, and escaped therewith. The basement was occupied by Mr. Lane as a stable, and his was occupied by Mr. Lane as a stable, and his was all saved.

The buildings are owned by A. T. Stewart, and the the bindings are owned by A. I. Sewari, and the damage thereto can be repaired for \$400. Insured in the Jefferson Insurance Company. The building adjeiding, corner of Fourth avence, occupied by F. Diercke as a grocery store and dwelling, took fire, and was slightly damaged. The damage sustained by the occupants by water was very triding. The here laid across the track by the firegion impeded the passage of the Three and Fourth avenue cars for half an hear or more. It is reported that there was about \$500 worth clothing in Koenig's shop, in process of manufacture, owned by Lewis B. Brown, Hadden was greatly damaged by water. Keeping's t loss is said to be about \$150. No insurance.

THE STEAM FIRE-ENGINES OF PHILADELPHIA. Correspondence of The N. Y. Tribune.

Furnamental to the N. Y. Tribune.

Purlanguestra, Dec. 33, 1852.

I notice in your issue of to-day that but two steamFire-Engines were in service at the first in Fulton area, and matthere was near difficulty in getting them late service, owing to
the opposition of a portion of the areason. To Falkada-phians this
later is a matter of suprise, the perjoduce here against Sessional
laving long since exploded, and some can new be found to disjunce
their superiority over the old hand-machines.

One first desappending was honeying a subhidum from finds

Our first steam-engine was brought on exhibition from Cincinrati. Its performance proving satisfactory, money was raised by subscription, the emple bought and paid for, and prosented to the city; but owing to defects in the machine and the strong prejudic-then existing among our fremen against steam-engines, it ren proved that steam could be made superior to other power

men against Steam-Euglises.

We have now some stateen or eighteen excellent steam fire metrics in regular service, each drawn to and from a fire by two crees, and supported by an annual appropriation of #2,900 from

the Corporation to each company.

These engines cost, including horses, from \$3,500 to \$5,500 each, the money for the payment of which was raised entirely by columnary contribution from insurance companies and individuals (principally the latter), not one cent having been contributed by he Corporation. The engines are therefore, of course, caused by the companies having them in charge, and not by the Corpora-

ien, as in your city.

Thanks to these empires, we have had no serious cominguation. Alice their introduction; we have an in second comments and alice their introduction; neither can we have, unless under very prentiar circumstances such as the freezing of the hydrants, &c.

We have one of your New York holit engines here, which has proved very cerviceable, and fully equal, if not superior, to most f our city-built muchines; hence I cannot see how the projection of your firemen can much longer delay their introduction and u at fires. To my mind, the large self-propoliting engines like ti Niagara are much superior to the horse eagines in use here, as they are capable of prajecting much larger bodies of water, and will post less for maintenance.

I offer these remarks to your numerous readers with the hope that the facts stated may sld in waking the steam fire-engine one of the "institutions" of New-York as well as of Philadelphia and remain, PROGRESS.

Accidents and Inquests .- George Young, a desti the poison. He was conveyed to the City Hospital, but all efforts to save his the were untualling, as death essend in a few hours. A choiced man, whose name is unknown, was taken to the Twenty-third Preciout Station-House on Saturday atternoon, apparently intendented. On visiting his cell in the evening, it was found that the prisoner was dead. An inquest will be held on the body to-day. ... Coroner dackman held an inquest will be held on the body of an unknown man, who was found drowned at Pier No. at, East River. The body was not identified, and a Precibit of "societated drowning" was rendered. ... A make infant was found frozen to death in Mon struct on Saturday marman. The shift and evidently reem abandoned. An inquest was held by Coroner O Keefe, but nothing bricher ascertained regarding to The said to the Saturday Donar von. On Friday evening last. TAKEN IN AND DONE FOR .- On Friday evening last,

Taken is and 1908 1908.

Kate Thompson, a fruit funde maiden, of No. 48 Thompson street, such coled in fudering John G. Calvin, from Now Jersey, who was walking firondway, to listen to a surrowful tale walch also invented for the occasion. John listened attentively, and fruitly sympathics of the worth and left the pay damed. He had not gone far when he found that he warm and chain, of the value of \$100, had been stelen from him. He at once suspensed that "Kary die" it, and called upon Officer Parsons of the highly Precinct who proceeded to hady shouse, where he found the watch in her possession. Kary confessed the theft, and was locked up to answer by Junitle Quaskenbusch.

Convenience Lass Arrested.—Information was tele-

COUNTERFEITERS ARRESTED. -Information was telterfeit m3 bills of the Bank of treatfeboro, Vt. Merchants there were promptly notified, and in the course of the evan-scent arrests were made. Wm. Pinnegan, Wm. Hogt. Win., Wm. Mullin, Wm. Bowland, Jean Farley and Daniel were all detected white attempting to pass the counterfeits, core locked up to answer by Junjues Conclusional and On-

CITY ITEMS.

NEW-YEAR'S DAY IN NEW-YORK-AS IT WAS AND AT Is.-There is hardly a festival in the calendar which does not find, in our truly cosmopolitan city, many who love to observe it in due and ancient form. There of us descended from Anglo-Saxon and German stock vaperate and perpetuate the genial rites of Christmes; there are smong us, too, some who still crows the royal pair of Twelfth-Night, and cut the cate, and honor the wassail-bowl. St. Valentine's tate is a household word among our youths and The dear old New-England Thanksgiving has of later axen a deeper and wider hold on our hearts. But there is no festival which New-Yorkers have made so peculiarly their own, which is so universally observed by young and old of all races and beliefs—so eagerly looked for and so joyonsty celebrated—as that which descends to us straight from the Holl and ances-try; which usbers in the bright New-Year, always freighted with fresh hopes to arge the straggler on

January, A. D. 1860! How far along it seems! To what a golden era and bountsous hand has the flowing river of time borne us! And to what a stately citythe third city of Christendom-at whose extreme southern point, only two hundred and thirty-seven years ago, was hid the first stone of the rude for tha should protect a little Dutch settlement of only a dozen quantity-gabled honses from the Mohawks, the Wa bingi, and the Panmankoes that hunted the wilderness on every side, viewing with no friendly eye the chunky Austerdam vessels and the smoke of the settler's fire. Timidly, though, these savages used to watch the gigantic arms of the windmill erected on a high bluff, and granding corn for all the town.

But let us, for a moment, go back just two handred years. Take the first day of the year of Grace, 1660, when the few houses had grown into a thriving walled town of perhaps 5,000 souls-all Dutch, and talking the language of the Netherlands. Three governors had reigned and passed away, and now famous old Peter Stnyvesant held rule in his grand mansionthe pride and boast of New-Amsterdam, as our city was then called.

In those days, as now, the Nieuw Jaar was the grant eccasion of the year. All the staid and thrifty housewives made huge cakes in preparation for the day. Few presents were exchanged, for the hardy settlers and little above their own personal needs, But every house was put in order, every wooden floor polished more brightly than usual. The chairs in the best rooms were ranged more stiffly than ever against the four walls, the pewter and silver-ware glittered on the nutwood sideboards. Then, in the parlors of the fluest materious, towered grandly the aristocratic, high-posted bedstend, hung with dimity curtains, and covered with the proverbial pair of feather beds. In certain of the richer dwellings, the hangings were of Killeminster and sarsenet, but few afforded such extravagance.

After morning pealms, squerkrant and bacon, all the people betook themselves to the Calvinist Meeting-Honse, and there were seated to hear a Low-Dutch discourse, but not till after the "Koeek," or bell-ringer, in solemn procession with his assistants, had gone through with the imposing ceremony of removing the cushiers of the burgomasters from the stadt hays to the magistrate's pew.

After the service, the appropriate business of the day commenced. The ladies of every family assembled in the best room, dressed in the gayest fushion of the town. At that time it certainly approximated very nearly to the Bloomer costume. A short parti-colored jetticoat, a waist-jacket, with a little cont-tail behind, blue or yellow hose, high-heeled shoes, and a lavish si-play of whatever jewelry the wearer possessed these constituted the irresistible make-up of the Nieuw-Amsterdam belle. On a little round table, rarely used, were placed the substantial cake, the queer shaped glasses and tankards, the home-brewed ale, the pure and genial schnapps.

Thus the dames and daughters. Then the grave mynheers betock themseives to their share of the festival's observance. Clothed in best breeches and doublet, with cloth coat and silver buttons, the elder householders walked soberly from door to door, exchanging courtly Flemish salutations of the day. Once within a dwelling, many were the wise saws, and quips and quirks, and spoken memories of the Faderland that passed from mouth to mouth, as they betook of the hospitable refreshments so suggestive of the country

Gladly would be stop to picture the stalwart, onelegged Governor, Petrus Stuyverant himself, as he stood in his grand hall to receive the visits of the bar gomasters, street-keepers, and other dignitaries of the ren'm-stern but genial-a blatf ruler, and a good one. But no; our space is short; nor is the theme ours to touch. Long ago the potent magician who now alcops quietly so near the city and the river of his love, and hamer none can equal, took and made the theme his

The young men of that day were went to sacrilegiously elade the morning ervice, and to wend their way by devious paths that long afterward marked out our city streets, to the suburbs outside the wall. They had not far to go, for the palisade defense that inclused the whole town, stretched from river to river, in that day, along the present line of Wall street. Once gathered in what was afterward Beeckman's meadow, they indulged in profane practices of turkey-shootingmatches, and games of strength.

On this, the 2d of January, 1860, we shall not find the rising hopes of the city-the jaunty clubs, dapper beaux, blithesome students-or even our elder, solid men participating in the ancient church service-or the plebeian sport of shooting-matches. After all said and written against its excesses, what a genial, jovial, kindly, friend-retaining, friend-making festival is New-Year's Day in New-York! How good it is that, one day in the year, men should forget their toiling with the muck-rake and go out in search of old friends they would not lose and old sweethearts almost forgotten gave in dreams! It opens the heart; it broadens the good lines of the face, and smooths out the sceers; it makes the New Year sunny; people inwardly vow they will live more for others and less for themselves during the coming twelvementh; the city loses its dreariness; one finds he has more neighbors than he And what a carnival it is! What a day of riding

and walking! What brushing up of memories; what cestruction of gloves; what wearing of new hats and pattern waistcoats-cating of cake-drinking of wine and coffee; what bowing, smiling, small-talking, handshaking, dress-spoiling-but we stop: everyone who has ever been in New-York on New-Year's Day knows that it is unlike any other day in any other city of the world. And two hundred years from now, in A. D. 2060, when Harlem and the Battery are united by an eight-mile chain of marble-when the beautiful city bath spread her skirts far away over the Eastern and Western highlands-then, as to-day, may young and old preserve the glory of our most characteristic festival, and flit from house to house, wishing each other-A HAPPI NEW YEAR.

THE CITY HALL To-DAY .- Both branches of the incoming Common Council will meet at noon to-day to organize. Mayor Wood will assume the duties of his office at the same time. Mayor Tiemann will receive his friends up to noon. Mayor Wood will forego that pleasure in the afternoon in consequence of his recent domestic afflictions. AMUSEMENTS .- Wallack's Theater .- To night is the

last night of "Everybody's Friend," which has been rendered so popular at this theater by the exquisite manner of its production. To-morrow night will be produced, for the first time in this country, a new comedy entitled "A Husband to Order." Winter Garden.-The "Octoroon" continues to fill

the house nightly, and, of course, will be " the bill " so

long as that is the case. On Thursday evening

Delly" Davenport takes a benefit, when additional

attractions will be presented. Laura Keene's,-To-night will be given "Green

being nearly really.

piece called " The Forty Thieves," with other com- ment. es and fare os, beside all the attractions of the

New Bowers - Yerformances to-day in the afternoon

and eq ning. Old Bowery-For New-Year's day the management and more right pieces -four in the afternoon and four

in the evening.

Atthes Garden-The Ravels are now playing on the last week of their engagement. To-night the pantemine of the "Golden Eng." and "Panchinello."

Christy's Minstreis, Bryand's Minstreis and Wood's Ministrels all announce extra arts, setions for to-lay. French Theater-Sam Cowell a ill appear to-night

or the last time, in ton of his celebrated songs. Parlor Operas-The Drayton's to vight give one of their unique entertainments, at the Oleon Williams-

Polly Dovemort's Beacht-This event comes off on Toursday night, at the Winter Garden, when there ought to, and doubtless will be a crowded house.

Lola Montez Lectures on Fashion at the Odeon, Williamsburgh, to-morrow night.

ORVILLE GARDNER'S TEMPERANCE WATCH-MEST-

186 .- At the New-Bowery Reading and Coffee Rooms, kept by Orville Gardner, an interesting temperance meeting was kept up from 8 o'clock on Saturday to a little past 12 o'clock at midnight. A crowd was collected in the rooms, and though their habitiments and faces were not of the most refined stamp, the impression received by looking at them, as they applanded or seemed to disapprove of the sentiments advanced, was that they were listeners of the hopeful kind, and generally intelligent men, who sought to improve themselves. A speaker who denounced Caristiaus was vocaferously applaudes by a company who sat around the stove. Some fifteen to twenty "good-looking men" were successively introduced by the chairman, Mr. George T. Hall, and made a series of ten-mounte speeches, varied and interesting. Among the speakers were Messrs. Gardner, Austin of Brooklyn, Levins, Glover, "Sober John," a reformed man, Mr. Booth, Sergennt Brooks, Mr. Ryerson, and others. A number of ladies were present, who assisted in singing temperance songs. The pledge book was kept open by the Secretary of the " Dashaways," and during the day a number of new signers were obtained. As the clock announced the old year ended, Orville Gardner "paid in the new year" by making an affiropriate speech, after which prayers were offered, and the audiens

THE JEWISH REFUSEES OF MOROCCO.-On Saturday morning the Rev. Dr. Auler, Rabin of the Temple Emanuel, delivered a discourse in the Synagogue of the Congregation Aushi Chesed, Norfolk street, his subject being " The Refugees of Morocco." At the ciese of an unusually long service in the Hebrew tongue, the distinguished Rabbi entered the desk and proceeded to address the congregation in German. He gave a statement of the circumstances by which the Jews now in refuge at Gibraltar got into difficulty; he also depicted their sufferings in vivid terms, at the same time administering a severe rebuke to tyranny and Slavery in all their forms. He appealed to the Israel ites of New-York to compare their own with the present condition of their poor brethren beyond the wave. He said that they had claims upon them, especially in view of the civil and religious liberty which they enjoyed in America.

At the close of the discourse the names of donors were handed in. At least \$500 must have been collected or promised. The exact amount could not be secertained, on account of the Jews being debarred from calculating accounts on the Sabbath.

PAYMENT OF TAXES .- To the Tax-Receiving Buresu there was a daily-increasing rush of tax-payers as will be seen from the following receipts (Monday being Christmas, the office was closed) of the week:

Week:
Tuesday #11,263 57 Friday #22,605 34
Weetnerday 17,385 69 Saturday 55,491 79
Thursday 25,10 00 #139,781 99 The cause of these increasing payments was the fact that 12 per cent additional interest would be exacted

upon all dues remaining unpaid at the commencement of the new year. There still remains unpaid upon the Tax Levy of last year, \$1,639,900. Upon the 1st of June, all unjuid taxes are placed in the hands of the assessed property in case of non-payment. These unwhose wand raised none but kindly visions, with a paid arrearsges now amount to something like \$11,612 90 was paid into the Controller's Office, which is about the average weekly payment.

> REORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN EXPRESS COM-PANY .- The first charter of the American Express Company, which was for a term of ten years, expired on Saturday, and the occasion was celebrated by a meeting of the stockholders in their new murble build ing in Hudson arrest, where they partook of a colla tion. In compliance with legal requirements, the properry of the Company was sold at auction, and bro \$60.0,000. It was purchased by Aaron Freeman of Schenectady, for Heary Wells, John Butterfield, W. S. Fargo, Johnston Livingston, Alexander Holland, and their associates, organized as the new American Express Company. The new copartnership is for thirty years. The business of the Company will be conducted as heretofore.

> CLOSE OF THE EXCISE COMMISSION.-The Excise o mission met on Saturday morning, and granted some sixty licenses, after which they adjourned sine die. The total number of licenses granted during the last year was 355, which yielded an income to the county of \$10,680. There are at least 10,000 unlicensed raysseders in the city. During the year there were 4,000 suits instituted against liquor dealers, none of which have reached a trial. In the first year of the Commission (1857) there were over 700 licenses granted. In 1858 there were less than 80 licenses haued.

DISHONEST CLERK .- Alsel Holmes, a young man who was in the employ of Mesers. Holmes & Hunting of No. 773 Broadway, as a bundle clerk, was arrested on Saturday by Officer Scott, charged with having robbed his employers. The accused had offered a piece of finen for rale at a store in the Sixth avenue at so low a price as to excite suspicion, and finally lead to his arrest. He fully admitted his guilt, and also gave such information as led to the recovery of \$100 worth of other articles which he had stolen and disposed of. The prisoner was committed to answer by Justice

Science.-About one o'clock on Friday afternoon a man named Sharp Fordoff, of No. 71 Greene street, was found hanging by the neck in a work shop in the rear of the premises. Life was quite extinct when he was discovered. No reason is assigned for the commission of the act. As inquest was held on the body and a verdict of "suicide" was rendered. ANOTHER DANGEROUS BUILDING .- Capt. Silver of

the First Precinct reported on Saturday morn ng that the brick building No. 165 Pearl street was in a dangerous condition. The front walls have sprung and eracked to a considerable extent, and the whole building is liable to come down at any moment. The owners were notified at once, and preparations were made for bracing and strengthening the walls. Notice was also gwen to the Fire War lens. COUNTING MACHINE. - We have been shown a

"Sushes." The "Heart of Mid-Lothian" is announced actual use and found it an efficient, accurate, and isbor-saving device. It is a neat, thaty apparatus, sees-Ba roum's Museum .- Great preparations are being pying but little space, requires no skill to operate & made to please the little folks during hotelay week by and for persons who have long columns of figures to the min gers of the Museum. To-day, during the fort op, unless they are extremely ready and accurate afternoon, and evening, will be given the specia ular should judge it, as represented, a convenient inser-

> DEFARTURE OF THE BENICIA BOY .- Among the persongers of the steamship City of Washington, which left on Saturday for Europe, was John C. Heenas, alms the " Benfels Bey," who goes out to light Sayers, the English champion, to decide the champiorship of the two countries. A crowd of sporting men accomranied Reet in to the steamer, and wared enthusiasie adices nathe steamer moved from the dock. Heenas looked in robust health, and was in excellent spirits. He expresses his entire confidence in being able to win the match. Shortly after the steamer had laft, two Buffalo officers came running up the wharf in hot have to arrest him; but the bird had flown.

> THE SEATING IN CENTRAL PARE.-The red ball was up on Saturday, and there was much chating in be Central Park. The ice was partially covered with now, but most of it was removed during the day, and st one sime in the afternoon there were more than 1.560 people on the ice. At the eastern end of the pend the Caledonian and Thistle curling clubs were playing the favorite Scotch game. City skaters have mony falls, as was abundantly shown. There were fifty or sixty ladies on the smaller poul allotted to them. The skating yesterday also was extensively enjoyed, and to day no doubt the ponds will be covcred with the lovers of the sport.

BURGLAR CAUGHT .- Officers Towers and McPherson of the 5th Precinct arreated, on Schredavesternoon, a man named Bester Adams, whom they supported of having proken into the influring establishment of Pating Bustonlerg, No. 341 Bissover afreet on the night of December 14. On being arrested a por-

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BROOKLYN ITEMS.

THE NEW OFFICIALS,-The officers elected last November, with the exception of the Police Justices, enter upon the discharge of their duties to-day. The Hon. Wm. W. Scrugham, elected Judge of the Supreme Court, will open the Circuit Court in the Governor's Room, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 3d, and will bear the first twenty causes, or issues, prior to the 1st of February, 1859. The Hon. Samuel Garrison, elected County Judge, will be engaged in Chamber business on Tuesday. The County Court will be opened by his Honor on the first Monday of February, and the Court of Sessions the day following. His associated are, Nicholas I. Stilwell and Samuel S. Stryker, esqs. Controller for collection, who, after a time, sells the John Winston, esq., elected District-Attorney, will commence his duties to-morrow. He has appointed Daniel K. Smith, esq., as his assistant.

> Ice in the East Riven .- On Saturday and yesterday large quantities of floating ice gathered along the Brooklyn shore, filling up the open slips and impeding the passage of the ferry boats. No serious inconven-ience has been occasioned as yet.

> A SMART OFFICER.-Last week Justice Voorbies issned a warrant for the arrest of a young man named Wilson, on the charge of bastardy, preferred by soung female employed in a hoop-skirt manufactory in Fulton street. The warrant was placed in the hand of a constable, who, after a diligent search, in which be failed to ascertain the whereabouts of the accused. went to his residence and arrested his mother. The reason assigned by the constable was that the mother was responsible for the behavior of her son. On being brought before the Court she was, of course, immedi-

> ately discharged. THE PARKS .- At a meeting of the Park Commis gioners, on Friday night, the Committee on the subject submitted three propositions for the large Parks, with the probable cost of land and buildings thereon. The

the probable cost of land and buildings thereon. The following are the propositions:

First Proposition—Commencing at the intersection of Minth arrest and Teach awence, running extract to Third street; theme north-exercity to Ninth avenue, themee to Flatbush avenue and Regraw street; exitedly to Perry avenue, themee such extent in the large of the first proposition of Perry and statush avenues, south-exercity to Enth avenue, the place of beginning. This area embraces till acres, exclusive of the Reservoir grounds as the intersection of the Reservoir grounds as The estimated cost of land is \$160,00, and cost of buildings, \$50,000.

Second Proposition—Commencing at the intersection of Flatbush avenue and fother street; thence to Washington avenue; southerly to Montgomery street; exclusively down a line intersecting Third street as extended; nerth-exercity to Eighth avenue; the place of beginning. Number of acres, 279; cost of land, \$1.0,000, cost of halfdary. \$5.000.

Third Proposition—Commencing at the intersection of Ninth avenue and Fenth avenue, running thence north-exercity to Flatbush bush avenue into legram street; thence to Washington avenue, sectively to Montgomery street; thence to Washington avenue, sectively to Montgomery street; south-exercity along a line to intersect Ninth street at slatbush line; along Ninth street to the place of beginning. Sumber of acres, 60; cost of land, \$625,000, cost of buildings. \$30,000. These propositions are to be discussed and family acted upon hereafter.

Rownvisk.—Yesterday morning, Jacob Onten, a noterious rowdy, while passing store Ewen street, E. D., assaulted three Germans upon the conner of Moore street, when one of the Germans drow a knife and inflicted a severe extupon Outer's head. He was found by the Police of the Sixth Precinct soon after, and taken to the Station-house, where his wounds were dressed, and he was taken home. The Germans made their ARREST OF SUSPECTED BURGLARS.—The boot and

AREAST OF SUNFICIED BURGLARS.—The bool and shoe store of Charles H. Harvey, No. 189 Myttle avenue, was foonloadly entered on Fridey night last, and robbed of goods amounting to \$150. Circumstances pointed to Andrew Tates and John Creighton as the burglars, and they were arrested on a supplicion. The goods were found in their possession, and the secured were locked up to await examination.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.—An attempt was made on Fildey night to break into the store of Mr. Ullman, in Even street, E. D., but the thieves were alarmed, and made their

NEW-JERSEY ITEMS

The funeral of the late Judge Nevins was attended on Saturday from his late residence in York street, Jersey City, by a large concourse of his friends. The remains were taken to New-Brunswick for interment.

ATTEMPTED HIGHWAY ROBBERT.-Yesterday morncanting, adding, or registering machine for accountants, invented by J. B. Newbrough. The inventor exhibits a long list of certificates from prominent men in various sections of the country who have had it in

ATTEMPTED HIGHWAY HOBBERT.—Yesterday morning about 20 clock, Mr. John B. Adams, while passing up Newark evenue, Jersey City, was attacked by a fellow giving his name as Peter Riley, who knocked him down, and attempted to reb him. The cries of Mr. Adams attracted the attention of us officer, who strosted Riley, and looked him up for the control of th